

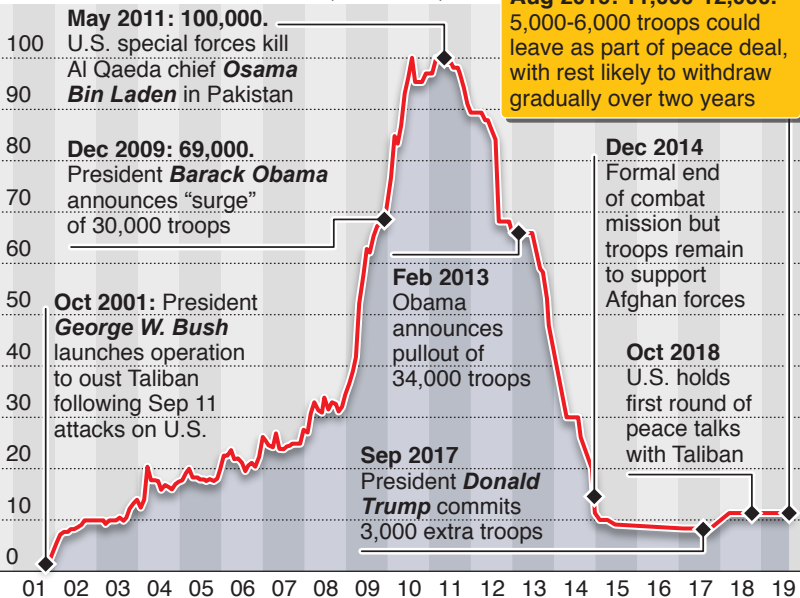
# Push for Afghan peace deal

A peace agreement to end Afghanistan's 18-year conflict would see the U.S. pulling out thousands of troops in exchange for promises from the Taliban that it will sever ties to militant groups like Al Qaeda

U.S.  
spending for  
Afghan war  
(2001-2019\*)  
**\$975bn**

\*Fiscal year data. 2019 estimate

## U.S. TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN (thousands)



**Aug 2019: 11,000-12,000.**  
5,000-6,000 troops could leave as part of peace deal, with rest likely to withdraw gradually over two years